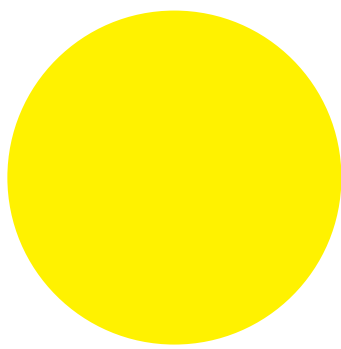


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Top security chief says Tehran will accept reasonable, fair proposal

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## Leader dismisses talks with US as 'sheer loss'



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses the Iranian nation in a live televised speech on September 23, 2025.  
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stroying the dignity of a nation," he said, warning that the costs would be severe and "some of these harms are irreversible." The Leader said Washington sought dialogue to put an end to Iran's nuclear activities, emphasizing that such a demand by Trump showed a fundamental misunderstanding of the Iranian nation and was "bigger than the speaker's mouth." Ayatollah Khamenei warned that a proud nation like Iran "would slap the speaker of such words in the mouth," and would not accept the idea that enrichment should be halted. The remarks come as US officials press for stricter curbs on Iran's nuclear and missile programs amid threats by the European powers to revive UN sanctions if Iran does not return to talks. "We have not surrendered and will not surrender," Ayatollah Khamenei said, adding that Iran would not bow to pressure to halt uranium enrichment. He said the US expected Tehran to simply "burn down" its nuclear achievements. "They want us to burn down this great achievement that our nation has paid so much for."

**Political Desk**

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday rejected talks with the United States as "sheer loss" and "futile," stressing that any negotiation under Washington's terms would amount to capitulation. Addressing the nation in a live televised speech, Ayatollah Khamenei said US President Donald Trump would gain political advantage from sitting Iran at the negotiating table and boasting about the feat, but such talks for Tehran "would be sheer loss and offer no benefit" because the Americans tend to "pre-determine the outcome." "Negotiating under these conditions means surrender... and de-

## Pezeshkian: UNGA chance for Iran to present 'clear, principled positions'

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian rings the bell at a school in Tehran to mark the start of the new academic year on September 23, 2025, just hours before departing for New York to attend the annual United Nations General Assembly.  
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### FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship:

## Iran stuns Serbia in resounding triumph to advance to quarterfinals

Iranian middle blocker Mohammad Valizadeh (27) spikes against Serbia in Manila, the Philippines on September 23, 2025, as Iran booked their place in the quarterfinals of the 2025 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship.  
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**Sports Desk**

Iran's men's volleyball team on Tuesday pulled off a breathtaking comeback in Manila, outlasting Serbia 3-2 in a five-set thriller to punch their ticket to the quarterfinals of the 2025 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship. In a clash that had everything—thundering spikes, monster blocks, and nerve-jangling rallies—Roberto Piazza's men showed grit and composure when it mattered most. Despite dropping the first and third sets (23-25, 24-26), Iran roared back with relentless serving and powerful spikes to take the second, fourth, and decisive fifth (25-19, 25-22, 15-9). The momentum swung like a pendulum in

the early sets. Serbia's power game looked dominant, but Iran's pressure from the service line forced errors and cracked the European defense. By the time the match reached the do-or-die fifth, the Iranians had seized full control—storming out to an early lead and never looking back as Captain Morteza Sharifi and his teammates sealed the deal with emphatic kills. In a pre-match poll on Volleyball World, over 80% of fans backed Serbia to advance. But in this "World Cup of surprises," Iran proved that no favorite is safe. Now, with momentum on their side, Iran turns its eyes to the quarterfinals, where they will face the Czech Republic on Thursday.

## Palestine recognition could go beyond symbolism

Statehood creates grounds for greater legitimacy of action against Israel

### INTERVIEW EXCLUSIVE

Following months of Israeli assaults and atrocities in the Gaza Strip, a new wave of recognition of Palestine has emerged from several governments, including some in the West. Also, on September 12, the United Nations General Assembly, in its 79th session, adopted with 142 votes in favor a resolution known as the "New York Declaration," calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Such moves were intended to end aggression and uphold the rights of the Palestinian people. Yet it remains unclear to what extent such diplomatic steps—viewed by some as largely symbolic—can stop on-going crimes or bring meaningful change to the lives of Palestinians.

Abed Akbari, an international affairs expert, told Iran Daily in an exclusive interview that recognition of a Palestinian state could pave the ground for greater action against Israel. Here is more.

**IRAN DAILY:** Given the wave of recognition of Palestine by several governments, can this be considered an effective step toward establishing a Palestinian state?

**AKBARI:** The recent recognition of Palestine is a positive development in international diplomacy and signals a shift in global political attitudes toward the Palestinian struggle. While these steps alone cannot deliver a fully-fledged state, they strengthen Palestine's legal and political standing and may serve as a foundation for claims in international organizations. Nevertheless, the creation of a real state requires changes on the ground and an end to occupation. For now, this recognition represents symbolic and legal capital which—if coupled with political, economic and legal pressure on the Israeli regime—could in practice help advance the Palestinian people's rights.

**Since the United States and Israel have openly opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state, what obstacles can they put in its way?**

Washington and Tel Aviv hold multiple levers to block Palestinian statehood. The US, through its veto power at the

Security Council, has already closed off the path to full UN membership—by far the most significant legal and institutional barrier. Politically and economically, Washington can also pressure states that have recognized Palestine, halting the spread of this movement. Meanwhile, the Israeli regime is undermining the prospect of Palestinian sovereignty by expanding settlements, imposing security restrictions, and carrying out unilateral measures on the ground. This is the strategy of creating facts on the ground, which effectively overshadows any political decision.

**Some argue this is merely a symbolic gesture by Western states to deflect public anger over their silence and inaction in stopping Israeli crimes in Gaza, a way of showing they did 'something.' What is your take on this?**

That assessment is partly accurate. Public outrage in Europe and beyond—particularly after the massacres in Gaza—forced Western governments to take up such measures to dampen domestic and international protests.

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